

NATIONAL/REGIONAL CRIME COMPARISON

2001* Crimes Per 100,000 Residents in Cities of 94,000-106,000 People, Nationwide

City	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
Macon, GA	18	60	275	351	2291	6,272	1323	10,590
Berkeley, CA	1	17	398	326	1,453	6,054	1,221	9,470
Davenport, IA	4	56	200	1230	1510	5,644	454	9,098
Albany, NY	6	57	432	818	1563	3860	546	7,282
Richmond, CA	19	47	410	540	1,230	3,448	1497	7,191
Athens-Clarke County, GA	8	26	156	261	1069	4,956	379	6,855
Portsmouth, VI	12	30	473	584	1515	3,370	666	6,650
Pueblo, CO	5	49	146	608	1131	4,170	357	6,466
Gainesville, FL	4	85	303	474	1294	3,469	616	6,245
Gary, IN	82	77	461	281	1,742	2,249	1240	6,132
Dearborn, MI	4	24	161	787	534	3,197	1176	5,883
Roanoke, VI	5	41	135	404	689	3,856	338	5,468
Brockton, MA	5	58	204	788	743	2,158	1286	5,242
Clarksville, TN	6	57	90	372	653	3,445	171	4,794
Fairfield, CA	3	30	184	291	653	3,027	406	4,594
Lowell, MA	4	37	122	687	650	2,052	958	4,510
Cambridge, MA	1	15	181	273	688	2,740	518	4,420
Erie, PA	4	52	227	203	734	2,828	221	4,269
El Cajon, CA	5	37	139	440	667	2,020	863	4,171
Boulder, CO	0	30	49	132	573	3,145	211	4,140
Arvada, CO	0	23	37	130	466	2,783	345	3,784
Green Bay, WI	3	35	36	198	675	2,561	204	3,712
Cape Coral, FL	2	13	34	297	855	2,293	176	3,670
Norwalk, CA	7	19	219	556	544	1,436	875	3,656
Norman, OK	2	34	42	151	886	2,178	132	3,425
Woodbridge Township, NJ	0	9	62	251	509	2,129	464	3,424
Burbank, CA	3	7	122	198	503	2,013	531	3,377
Venura, CA	2	28	91	160	565	2,280	231	3,357
Santa Clara, CA	0	20	45	217	420	2,412	236	3,350
New Bedford, MA	5	63	197	491	831	1,072	561	3,220
Midland, TX	2	91	50	264	690	1912	174	3,183
Livonia, MI	1	21	71	112	429	2,202	277	3,113
South Gate, CA	4	24	364	141	583	926	1,067	3,109
Santa Barbara, CA	3	28	106	402	443	1,822	142	2,946
Clinton Township, MI	2	59	70	637	402	1,395	328	2,893
San Mateo, CA	1	26	77	308	253	1,938	219	2,822
Edison Township, NJ	0	11	69	213	341	1,584	407	2,625
Greece Town, NY	3	14	52	17	260	1,902	184	2,432
Daly City, CA	5	25	146	175	213	1,253	483	2,300
Cary, NC	1	5	54	48	304	1,722	161	2,295
Mission Viejo, CA	3	9	20	92	211	994	97	1,426
Average	6	35	164	364	775	2702	530	4,575
Cambridge	1	15	181	273	688	2,740	518	4,416

*2002 statistics are not yet available for other cities and towns.

A comparison of Cambridge's 2001 Index Crimes per 100,000 residents to crime totals nationwide shows that Cambridge ranked below the nationwide *average* for all but two of the index crimes. When ranked in order of total crimes, Cambridge ranked slightly above the *median*.

How Cambridge Compares Nationally:

- **Murder:** Significantly lower than the national average. In the 1980s, Cambridge reported between two and seven murders a year. This average decreased in the 1990s, and has remained steady throughout the beginning of the 2000s. Cambridge murders now range from one to three per year on average, while most cities report between three and seven.
- **Rape:** Traditionally just at the national average, however since 1998, rape in Cambridge has decreased significantly.
- **Robbery:** Slightly higher than the national average. A few of the other cities on the list are situated right next door to major metropolises, like Cambridge, which doubtlessly accounts for a high percentage of "street crime."
- **Assault:** Significantly below the national average, but statistics are shaky and influenced by reporting practices.
- **Burglary:** Slightly below the national average. Since the early 1980s, Cambridge has experienced a steady decline in burglary. This may be due to the disappearance of the professional burglar in the northeast.
- **Larceny:** Slightly above the national average. Larceny typically accounts for the highest percentage of index crimes in Cambridge but traditionally reports lower numbers than the national average.
- **Auto Theft:** Slightly lower than the national average.

2001* Crimes Per 100,000 Residents in Massachusetts Cities and Towns of 50,000-150,000 People

City	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
Brockton	5	58	204	788	743	2,158	1,286	5,242
Lowell	4	37	122	687	650	2,052	958	4,510
Cambridge	1	15	181	273	688	2,740	518	4,416
Fall River	3	43	192	398	624	2,090	541	3,891
Lawrence	4	48	145	395	504	1,017	1,740	3,853
Lynn	1	16	161	0	617	1,681	1,278	3,754
New Bedford	5	63	197	491	831	1,072	561	3,220
Quincy	0	31	60	152	444	1,480	265	2,432
Chicopee	1	25	40	435	819	727	274	2,321
Somerville	0	7	72	157	428	1,063	481	2,208
Haverill	0	34	28	235	729	666	214	1,906
Taunton	3	7	54	230	358	1,019	179	1,850
Framingham	1	18	29	119	299	863	217	1,546
Medford	0	8	39	50	159	1,006	152	1,414
Waltham	2	11	19	35	184	872	124	1,247
Brookline	0	12	49	90	234	670	135	1,190
Newton	0	1	21	44	155	830	50	1,101
Average	2	26	95	269	498	1,294	528	2,712
Cambridge	1	15	181	273	688	2,740	518	4,416

How Cambridge Compares Locally:

- **Murder:** Slightly lower than the average.
- **Rape:** Significantly lower than the average.
- **Robbery:** Significantly higher than the average, probably due to our proximity to a major metropolis.
- **Assault:** Slightly higher than the local average, but statistics are unreliable.
- **Burglary:** Significantly higher than the average.
- **Larceny:** Significantly higher than the average.
- **Auto Theft:** Slightly lower than the average.

While the majority of these cities empty during the day, Cambridge fills. Our daytime population is estimated at 250,000 people. This is reflected in the higher rates of burglary in the other cities (more likely with fewer people around) and the higher rates of robbery and larceny in Cambridge (more likely with more people around).